

Subject: SWRMC Responses to Queries

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Good afternoon, Mr. Racino,

My name is Molly Rhine, I work at Southwest Regional Maintenance Center (SWRMC). Below the cutline you will find our responses to your previously submitted queries.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

V/r,

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1.) What is the average annual line-item funding the Navy gave to the big 3 private yards in SD (Continental, BAE and NASSCO) for security patrol boats?

RESPONSE: To protect the procurement process, the Navy is unable to comment on funding allocations as the information is deemed source selection sensitive. Divulgence of this information would negatively affect the Navy's ability to secure the required services at the best possible price to the government.

2.) Who is conducting oversight of the private shipyards to ensure they are conducting security sweeps with the patrol boats funded by the Navy?

RESPONSE: The Navy routinely conducts reviews of its security posture at private shipyards to ensure the contractor is meeting its contractual obligations, one of which is meeting the Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection requirement. In San Diego, security personnel from SWRMC and NAVSEA conduct regular reviews of security protocols and have no significant concerns with security at those facilities.

3.) After I received your email a few hours ago, I went to the bay, got on a boat and took photos, video and notes of what was happening at the three shipyards (I'd be willing to share the photos and videos with you, if you would like -- just let me know). Could you please help me reconcile what I

saw and documented and what I am reading in NAVSEA 009-72 with the Navy's recent response to my questions about security?

RESPONSE: All private shipyards that are under contract to execute maintenance and modernization work of U.S. Navy ships are required to provide robust physical security. Where port security barriers are not in place, waterborne security boats provide coverage. Currently, shipyards in the San Diego area that are under contract for maintenance and modernization work with the Navy are conducting patrols in accordance with Navy security requirements.

4.) At Continental Maritime, the U.S.S. Chosin is unguarded. There are no patrol boat accompanying this ship. I have been past this ship three times in the past two months, and never witnessed a patrol boat. According to NAVSEA 009-72 (FY-19), amphibious ships, surface combatants and auxiliary ships require a waterborne security boat within 200 yards of the vessel.

RESPONSE: The Navy takes the safety and security of its Sailors and ships seriously. The primary objective of the Navy Security Program is the safeguarding of its personnel and assets. While many of the Navy's security practices are classified and unable to be discussed, there have been no known recent incidents of non-compliance by the private shipyards.

5.) At BAE, there are six ships, two in dry dock. There is one patrol boat accompanying all six ships. I have been past this shipyard three times in the past two months, and have only ever seen one patrol boat.

RESPONSE: The Navy's security requirements are multi-faceted, and while not all are able to be discussed due to classification concerns, there are no known issues of non-compliance by the private shipyards.

6) But I may be misreading 009-72, or not taking something into consideration?

RESPONSE: The Naval Sea Systems Command's Standard Item 009-72 prescribes the requirements for security of U.S. Navy ships in private shipyards. The guidance states in part that waterborne security boats must be present in private shipyards when port security barriers are not in place. Southwest Regional Maintenance Center validated that private shipyards in the San Diego area have waterborne security boats conducting patrols in compliance with 009-72.

7) I wanted to touch base again. I'm aware that SWRMC's CO notified the shipyards Friday that he would be conducting a full security review and audit. I'm also aware some of those shipyards frantically set out trying to put boats in the water as a result. I'm hoping that in addition to whatever

information you were compiling for me, you could help answer the following questions: What was the result of Friday's review?

RESPONSE: The Navy ensures security requirements are adhered to through security assessments, security audits and security meetings. The private shipyards in San Diego have maintained compliance with Navy security requirements.

8) Is it standard practice for the Navy to alert shipyards of an audit/review prior to the audit/review?

RESPONSE: No, private shipyards are not provided advance notice of impending security assessments. However, in addition to security assessments, the Navy also conducts routine security reviews and audits that do include activate participation from private shipyard representatives.

9) Please provide me with the dates and overall findings for the last three Regional Maintenance Center reviews of shipyard compliance, as noted in your Nov. 6 email.

RESPONSE: The private shipyards in San Diego have maintained compliance with Navy security requirements.